

Mt. Calvary Messenger



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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS —Remember to turn your clocks back on Saturday, November 1st before you go to bed. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 2nd





November Birthdays

4. Miracle Peyton
8. Lorie Livingston
9. Cooper Dorsey
Paul Fager
Nathan Terpening
Ataya Watkins-Morrow
Amanda (Wilson) Carpenter
10. Christy Browning
11. Anna Larson
13. Gary Ruckle
14. Jonah Bloom
17. Ella Ruskusky
19. Jarrod Horman
Payton Ruskusky
20. Liam Adcock
Roger Hoffman
22. Marilyn Miller
26. Douglas Hoffman
28. Alice Johnston
29. Benjamin Maske
30. Jay Manthey



November Anniversaries

8. Mark & Rebekah Negley
10. Nathan & Rachel Terpening
12. David & Jan Heien
15. Brandon & Cheryl Zeone
21. Keith & Linda Crook
26. Joshua & Michelle Crosiar
26. Megan & Zachary Kovash
28. Jake & Kathy Kircher

Counters

Kim Beenders & Doug Hoffman

Altar Flowers

November 2 — Tom & Vicky Brosowski

November 9 — David & Jan Heien

November 16 — Keith & Linda Crook

November 23 — Theresa Johnston

November 30 — Marilyn Miler



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 2nd — All Saint's Sunday

Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17;
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 9th — 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 148; Exodus 2:1-15;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 11-17; Luke 20:27-40

November 16th — 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-6;
2 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Luke 21: 5-36

November 23th — Last Sunday of the Church Year

Psalm 46; Malachi 3:13-18;
Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43

November 30th — 1st Sunday of Advent, St. Andrew's Day

Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-11

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 6:30 pm.** There will be a Divine Service of Thanksgiving (and no service on Thursday evening.)

ELDERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 2 — Phil King

November 9 — Gary Beenders

November 16 — Daniel Keehner

November 23 — Dr. Joel Eckert

November 30 — Tom Brosowski

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Thankful Garland

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)

What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)



Prayer Notes

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time “who all are we praying for?” Here’s a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**



- † Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- † Phyllis Basquin – mother to Luann Claudin
- † Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- † Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- † Pr. Hoech & Ivy – our “TIM” partners
- † Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- † Pr. Glenn Niemann – circuit pastor, disability
- † Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- † Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- † Christiane Ramahi – member
- † Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- † Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- † Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- † Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Dale Warren –
- † Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- † Jennifer Lenz – their daughter, niece to Paula & Gerry
- † Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- † Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- † Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Jenna Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- † Josh Crosiar – member
- † Anne Maske – member
- † Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- † Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- † Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- † Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- † Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky

- † Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- † Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- † Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- † Max Wessler – father-in-law to Carol Wessler
- † Bill & Pam Barr – members
- † Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel
- † Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter)
- † Lorrie Kaspar – mother to Julie (Kaspar) Eaton
- † Rod Pauli – member, son to Carolyn
- † Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
- † Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler
- † Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family
- † Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor
- † Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- † Shirley King – mother to Phil King
- † Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph’s aunt
- † Delcie Lane – member
- † Mark Manthey – member
- † Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister
- † Earl Boyett – father of Teresa Brusick
- † Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- † Luann and Shelby Cooper – members
- † Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall
- † Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia
- † Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar
- † Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo
- † Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke
- † Becky Richards – mother of Kim Carver
- † Daryl Claudin – member
- † Natalie Brusick – Daughter-in-law to Chris & Teresa
- † Deb Alig – co-worker of Theresa Johnston
- † Carol Loughridge – member
- † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk (and David & Henry) – family to Dave & Jan Heien
- † Cheris Hofmann – member
- † Harriet Caughey – member
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman † Teresa Kerrick – † Pr. Drews – Pastor at Trinity, Pekin † PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey † Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty † Patty Caughey – member † Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey † Jessica Horman - member † Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to Doug † Tomi – mother to Chris Brusick † Diane Norris – friend of member † Ginny & Marty Liex – friends to LaVelle Borders † Ann Jacobson – sister to Richard Pauli † Hugh – friend of member † Vonnie Brinkmann – members † Carolyn Pauli – member † Jane Wood – mother to Sherri Long † Ryan & Carol Stetzler – friends of Katie Tagge † Sue Elder – friend of Theresa Johnston † Tricia Smith – sister to Marcia Riddle † Chris Walker – brother-in-law to Vicky Jones † Brett Parrott – Erin’s brother-in-law † Paul Fager – member † Diane Freeman – member † Dan Moran – Judy Norman’s brother † Katie Tagge – member † Bev Hoffman – niece to Gordon † JayCee Grier † Norah Rossman – friend to Riebel family † Nan Borunda – sister to Lou Ann Cooper † Chris Pacey – son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel) † Donna Kirkman – sister to Lynn Laredo † Ilsa Adams – stepmother to Lynn Laredo † Robert Marshall – father to Michael Marshall † David Heien – member † Ross Pauli – son of Carolyn † Deaconess Gillian – friend of the congregation † Gary Ruckle - member † Trinity Foote – Kieth & Linda Crook’s granddaughter † Sherri Crosiar – Josh’s mother | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Zeke Garrison – military, Gary & Kim Beenders’ grandson † Denise Shivers – member † Ron Achterberg – member † Bob Shoreak – friend to Bob Frericks † Mike Solis – friend to Bob Frericks † Jane Millard – visitor † “Nylon” – visitor at Food Pantry † Cheryl Frericks – Bob Frericks’ sister-in-law † Cisneros Family – friends of a member † Addie Wilson – Eileen Benne’s mom † Joel Barr – Bill & Pam Barr’s son † Ruth and Richard Boch – † Wendy Mirretti -Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti † Vanessa Ruckle – member † Nancy O’Brian – niece to Pam Barr † Jim Smith – brother to Marcia Riddle † Lee Mauschbaugh – member † Tom Brosowske – member † Jim Brosowske – Tom’s brother † Larry Frank – member † Hazel Krenzke – daughter of Dcs. Christine † Cindy Niebur – niece to Barb Zook † Julie Riddle – daughter-in-law to Marcia † Conner Brinkmann – grandson to Vonnie † Joe Leon – husband to Susie † Kathleen Tagge – daughter-in-law to Katie † Ben Claudin – member † Judy Farrell – mother of Kelly Eckert † Sandy Willaims-McFarlane – member † Jonathan Tagge – member |
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Attendance	Total	Com.	General Fund Weekly Offer- ing
September 28	99	56	\$6,810.00
October 5	88	26	\$3,075.00
October 12	65	25	\$1,825.00
October 19	73	60	\$4,381.00
October 26	56	43	\$2,910.00
Total			\$19,001.00

In His Service

PASTOR:

Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

SECRETARY

Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL

Ms. Emily Craine 691-8921
Principal

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Chairman.....Gerald Horst
ViceChairman.....David Heien
Secretary.....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Theresa Johnston

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Chairperson Luann Claudin
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Lisa Cornelius
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD

Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson
& Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Lisa Cornelius

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook
& Linda Khattar

2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick
& Kelly Eckert

6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst
Tom Brosowske



GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

_____ to the _____, _____ his _____;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____.
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of
 _____ his _____.

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answer: Give, praise, Lord, proclaim, name, make, ruin, nations, known, moon, sing, him, praise, tell, all, wonderful, acts

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD

Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION

Eileen Benne, Connie Kissner

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES

Jarrold Horman

BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Vacant

BOARD OF YOUTH

Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING

Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY

Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius,
Josh Joseph, Jarrold Horman,
Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders
Ashley Gavic & Brett Hammer

BOARD OF ELDERS

(families under each Elder's care)

Achterberg - Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

FOOD PANTRY

LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst

STREAMING!

Mt. Calvary offers a live stream of the 9:00 am service on Sunday mornings! Just go to youtube.com, search for Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church (you'll recognize our channel by our orange logo), and click the link. If you "subscribe" to the channel, you'll get automatic notification when the streaming starts. The recording of the service will stay on the channel to be viewed later even if you don't catch it live.

ADVENT LUNCHES

Advent is quickly approaching. We will be offering a light lunch following the 11:15 midweek Advent Services (December 3rd, 10th and 17th). If you can help, there will be a sign up sheet across from Pastor's office. Any questions, please call Abbie Matson, 309-224-9432.



ADOPT-A-BAG IS HERE!!!! -- Women of Mt. Cal-



vary are sponsoring the Adopt-A-Bag Project again this year. The bags will be available for pick-up in the Parish Hall or Narthex on Sundays, November 2nd, 9th, & 16th.

If you wish to help with this project, please select a bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and return the filled bag to the Parish Hall any time before 9:00 am on Saturday, November 22nd. We will use items from these bags to fill our Thanksgiving Baskets for distribution on **Saturday, November 22nd beginning at 9:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Helpers are welcome!

DON'T FORGET OUR SHUT-INS!!!!

THANKSGIVING BAGS FOR SHUT-INS

Women of Mt. Calvary will again be preparing remembrances for our shut-ins for Thanksgiving. (There are about 12 on the list.) They need your help — can you bring wrapped candies, cookies, small bread loaves, fruit (oranges and apples), raisins, etc. and put them on the counter in the kitchen marked for the shut-in bags? They would like to prepare these bags on **Saturday morning, November 22nd beginning at 9:00 am.**



WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY CHRISTMAS PARTY — Save the date! The Women of Mt. Calvary Christmas Party is Saturday, December 13th at 9:30 am. More information to follow.



WREATH MAKING DAY – Join us for a fun day of fellowship. We will be making Christmas Wreaths to take home on **Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 am.** Wreath decorations and assistance will be provided. No experience necessary. (Helpers will be there to assist.) Sign up on sheet in Parish Hall by November 2nd. Donations to defray costs will go to Women of Mt. Calvary. Hope to see you there.

HOLIDAY HOPE CHEST FOR LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LSSI)

This year again the members of Mt. Calvary are invited to participate in Lutheran Social Services of Illinois foster kids Christmas Program.. **The Giving Tree will be in the Narthex beginning November 16th.** If you choose, take a tag off the tree, purchase the item listed and place it unwrapped under the tree. Gift cards can be placed in the locked wooden box located under the tree. We will deliver the items to LSSI, who will then wrap and distribute them to the foster kids in their program. The the tags that have an Amazon link (<https://a.co/boXnmJh>) you may purchase the item from their shopping list which will then be shipped directly to LSSI. Christmas can be emotional for a child separated from their biological family and our gifts help to ease their sorrow. Thank you for thinking of these kids and for your generous contributions.



GIVING TREE

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

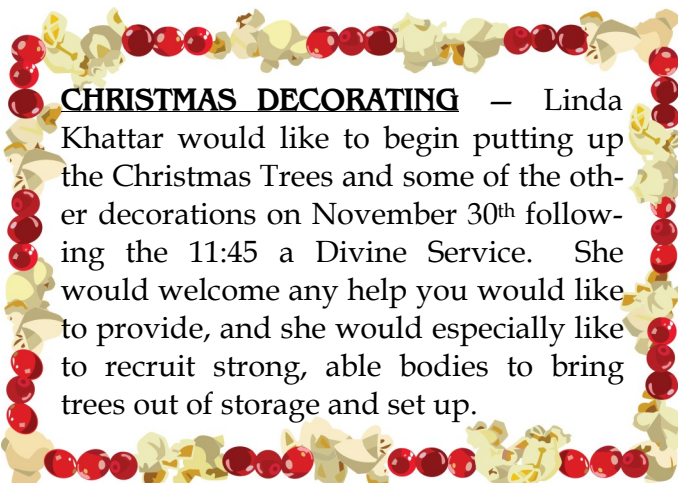
Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- † Richard Pauli, who was called to his heavenly rest on Wednesday afternoon, October 22, 2025. Services were held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.
- † Robert Bloom, who was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, October 26, 2025. A private family service will be held in the near future. May their families find comfort, hope, and peace in our risen and ascended Lord.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

The Board of Stewardship has chosen **Sunday, November 16th** as Pledge Sunday. Letters have been sent out, and they ask you to prayerfully consider what you would like to give to Mt. Calvary for the 2026 giving year. Then fill out the form at the end of the letter and bring it to church on Sunday, November 16th. During the morning services there will be a blessing of the Pledges. If you wish to bring your pledge earlier, the Pledge Box will be in the Narthex. There are also copies of the letter, and envelopes for you to use.

PASTOR LONG NEEDS HELP! – Well, likely in a number of ways, but here we're talking about picking hymns from week to week. Bruce knew a lot of your favorites, and could include them when appropriate. Pastor Long is still learning. So – if you have some favorites that are in the *Lutheran Service Book*, please write them down and drop them in Pastor Long's mail box. He'll make an effort to include them when they fit with a given Sunday's (or season's) theme.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING – Linda Khatrar would like to begin putting up the Christmas Trees and some of the other decorations on November 30th following the 11:45 a Divine Service. She would welcome any help you would like to provide, and she would especially like to recruit strong, able bodies to bring trees out of storage and set up.



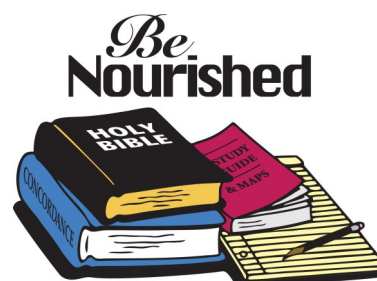
CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes – Sunday School has begun again. The classes meet in the church basement at 10:30 am for grades Pre-K-6th. Jr. & Sr. High if there are enough of you a class will be formed, otherwise you may help with the younger students or attend the Adult Class led by Pr. Long. Parents, you are welcome to attend the Adult Class, also.

Sunday Morning Adult Class -- The Small Catechism: The Apostles' Creed – In Luther's Small Catechism, the Creed followed the Law (Ten Commandments), because he held that after the Law exposed our sin we need the Gospel to build our faith. And the Creed is glorious Gospel – showing us God's love in our creation, redemption, and sanctification. Join us as we work through the Creed using the Small Catechism with explanation as our guide. Meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.

Men's Bible Study: We are looking at Paul's Letters to Timothy. **Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study! – We are currently reading the book of the Prophet Jeremiah and will hear God's word of promise and judgement in the face of national calamity. **We meet in the Parish Hall for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**



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December 2025						
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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints' Sunday 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation Daylight Saving Time Ends — We are	3 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	4 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 9-11 a Food Pantry 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	5 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia	6 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	7 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	1 Change your clocks back
9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	10 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	11 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 2:30 p Veterans Day assembly at Concordia	12 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia	13 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch	14 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	8 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary Meeting
16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	17 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	18 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 3:00 p Worship & Music 4:45 p Board of Elders	19 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia	20 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	21 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	22 9:00 a Prepare Shut-in Bags and Thanksgiving Baskets
23 Last Sunday of Church Year 9:00 a Matins Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	24 8:45 a Pastor teaches at Concordia	25 8:45 a Pastor has Chapel at Concordia	26 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 3:00 p Executive Committee 6:30 p Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service	27 Thanksgiving Menu  OFFICE CLOSED	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent Feast Day of St. Andrew 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Bible Study & Sunday School 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:00 p Begin Christmas Decorating	          					

